

House Watch

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FINAL PASSAGE

[HB 4950](#)

(Dean)

The bill would amend the Michigan Renaissance Zone Act to revise the definition of "renewable energy facility" in the section of the act that allows for the establishment of 10 renaissance zones specifically for renewable energy facilities.

- Committee substitute H-2 was adopted
- HB 4950 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 4950 was passed [RC 354: 106 yes, 1 no]
- IE was ordered

[SB 751](#)

(Pappageorge)

The Management and Budget Act currently says that it is the goal of the Department of Management and Budget to award not less than three percent of its total expenditures for construction, goods, and services to qualified disabled veterans. Senate Bill 751 would raise the goal to five percent.

- SB 751 advanced to 3rd Reading
- SB 751 was passed [RC 355: 106 yes, 0 no]
- IE was ordered

[HB 4973](#)

(Miller)

With some exceptions, the Open Meetings Act requires all meetings of a public body to be open to the public. One such exception is when certain public bodies meet solely to deliberate the merits of a case. House Bill 4973 would amend the act to include the Employment Relations Commission created under Public Act 176 of 1939 in the list of public bodies that can meet privately when deliberating the merits of a case. The bill would also delete an obsolete provision

which refers to a section of the Revised Judicature Act that was repealed by Public Act 78 of 1993.

- HB 4973 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 4973 was passed [RC 356: 59 yes, 49 no]
- IE was not granted [RC 357: 55 yes, 52 no]

HB 5314 (Hammon)

The bill would allow the collection of certain penalties, fees, and costs related to a criminal case or civil infraction action to be recovered in the same manner as a civil judgment.

- Committee substitute H-2 was adopted
- HB 5314 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 5314 was passed [RC 358: 108 yes, 0 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 5910 (Dean)

Section 7j of the Child Protection Law (MCL 722.627j) allows a person who is or is seeking to be an employee or volunteer at a child care center, child caring institution, or child placing agency to obtain an individual documentation from the Department of Human Services stating that the individual is not named in a central registry case as a perpetrator of child abuse or child neglect. Then, for the purpose of applying for employment or seeking to volunteer, the individual can share the document with the appropriate agency or institution. House Bill 5910 would modify Section 7j so that, apparently, any individual could apply to the DHS for such a documentation, and then that individual could share the document or direct the DHS to share the document with any appropriate party for the purpose of seeking employment or serving as a volunteer. (Under the bill, the section would no longer cite the kinds of entities where an individual was seeking to be employed or to volunteer.) The bill would remove the provision that requires a written request to the DHS for the documentation to include an affirmation that he or she is employed by, volunteers at, or is seeking employment or a volunteer opportunity in a specified agency or institution.

- Committee substitute H-1 was adopted
- HB 5910 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 5910 was passed [RC 359: 82 yes, 26 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 4330 (Condino)

House Bill 4330 would require a prisoner released on parole for aggravated stalking to wear a GPS device.

- Substitute H-1 adopted
- Amendment-2 adopted

- Condino-3 adopted
- HB 4330 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 4330 was passed [RC 360: 108 yes, 0 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 4453 (Caul)

House Bill 4453 would grant a court the discretion to require a defendant released on bail for a domestic violence crime to wear a GPS device.

- Substitute H-1 adopted
- Condino-2 adopted
- HB 4453 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 4453 was passed [RC 361: 108 yes, 0 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 5110 (Sak)

House Bill 5110 would create the Fire Safety Standard and Firefighter Protection Act, which would restrict sales of cigarettes to only those meeting the standard for self-extinguishing cigarettes,

- Substitute H-3 adopted
- Amendment adopted
- HB 5110 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 5110 was passed [RC 362: 92 yes, 16 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 5111 (Sak)

House Bill 5111 would apply several provisions of the Tobacco Products Tax Act to cigarettes regulated under the proposed Fire Safety Standard and Firefighter Protection Act.

- Substitute H-2 not adopted
- Substitute H-3 was adopted
- HB 5111 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 5111 was passed [RC 363: 92 yes, 16 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 5108 (Sheltrown)

Michigan law requires most applicants for a concealed weapon permit to complete a certified pistol training and safety program providing at least eight hours of instruction, including at least three hours on a firing range and an explanation of Michigan gun laws. Under current Section 5/ of Michigan's handgun licensure law (MCL 28.425/), these educational requirements are waived

for applicants who are *retired* police or law enforcement officers. House Bill 5108 would amend Section 5j (MCL 28.425j) to also waive firearm training requirements for both (1) honorably-discharged veterans with military training in pistol use (including some training in the last six months), and (2) current or former peace officers (police officers, tribal police officers, sergeants-at-arms, arson investigators, and others) required to carry a firearm in the course of duty.

- Sheltroun-1 adopted
- HB 5108 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 5108 was passed [RC 364: 101 yes, 7 no]
- IE was ordered

SB 1007 (Birkholz)

The bill would amend the Grade A Milk Law of 2001.

- SB 1007 advanced to 3rd Reading
- SB 1007 was passed [RC 365: 108 yes, 0 no]
- IE was ordered

HB 4594 (Rocca)

The bill would allow active Michigan National Guard and military units to hold small and large raffles under certain circumstances.

- Committee substitute H-1 was adopted
- HB 4594 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 4594 was passed [RC 368: 105 yes, 1 no]
- IE was ordered

THIRD READING

HB 5919 (Griffin)

The bill would amend the Highway Advertising Act to require the Department of Transportation to issue a permit for a new sign structure (billboard) if the sign is in the service club or religious category (as defined in department rules) and if the sign measures eight square feet or less. The act applies to signs along primary highways, freeways, and interstates.

- Committee substitute H-1 was adopted
- Griffin-2 was adopted
- HB 5919 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 5919 was postponed for the day

HB 5730

(Polidori)

The bills (HB 5730 to HB 5733) would require financial institutions, when one or more customers apply to establish a joint account (or apply to establish a multiple-party account) to provide each joint account holder with the following disclosure in writing before opening the account: "A joint account means that each account holder is the owner of the money in this account. This means that you and each of the other account holders have the authority to deposit or withdraw money from this account at any time. If that is not your intention, you should not open this account. House Bill 5730 would amend the Savings Banks Act

- Committee substitute H-1 was adopted
- Green-2 was adopted [RC 366: 93 yes, 15 no]
- Calley-3 was not adopted
- Sheen-4 was not adopted [RC 367: 54 yes, 54 no]
- HB 5730 advanced to 3rd Reading
- HB 5730 was postponed for the day

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

HR 335

(Accavitti)

A resolution proclaiming May 2008 as Michigan Safe Digging Month

- HR 335 was adopted

HR 342

(Sak)

A resolution recognizing May 2008 as VSA Arts of Michigan Month.

- HR 342 was adopted

HR 343

(Hammon)

A resolution recognizing May 1, 2008, as Law Day in the state of Michigan.

- HR 343 was adopted